# **TEST YOURSELF**

# Circle healthy foods from the following menu:

- 1. fried fish
- 2. baked fish
- 3. steamed zucchini
- 4. buttered carrots
- 5. sliced tomatoes
- 6. fried vegetable sticks
- 7. potato salad
- 8. garden vegetable salad
- 9. seasonal fresh fruit
- 10. chocolate cake



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## **READING THE MENU**

Americans eat many meals away from home. Use these tips to eat healthy when dining out.

# Look for these words on the menu as hints to a low-fat choice:

- broiled
- grilled
- roasted
- steamed
- poached
- baked
- stir-fried
- garden fresh



# **CHOOSING FOODS**

# These are healthy choices:

- fresh, raw or steamed vegetables
- salads with dressing on the side
- soups (avoid cream-based soups)
- whole-grain breads, crackers, muffins
- child-sized or half portions (if smaller portions are not available, take the rest home or share an entree with your dinner partner.)
- desserts with less fat such as fresh fruit, sorbets, angel food cake
- broiled, grilled, baked, or steamed meat, poultry and fish

# **ORDERING FOODS**

#### Here are some hints:

- ask questions
- insist on having food prepared the way you want it
- ask for another food to replace the one offered
- order child-sized portions
- share with a friend
- take leftovers home

# **GOOD CHOICES**

#### ORIENTAL

(CHINESE, JAPANESE, THAI)

- steamed dishes
- stir-fried dishes
- vegetable or combination vegetable-meat dishes

### **ITALIAN**

- lean veal, chicken, or fish
- tomato-based sauces on pasta
- vegetable-based soups

#### **MEXICAN**

- grilled meat and vegetable dishes, like fajitas
- tostadas
- rice, beans

